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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). The documents were recently cited in the enclosed European Search Report, which is dated August 5, 2004. A copy of the Search Report also is enclosed. Except as indicated herein, copies of the cited documents also are enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has <u>not</u> been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with

this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of

this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 56-123573, which is identified in the Search

Report, was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 7, 2004.

Therefore, this patent document is <u>not</u> listed on the enclosed citation form. However, a

corresponding Japanese Patent Abstracts of Japan is listed and a copy of this document is

enclosed.

<u>CONCLUSION</u>

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information and that

an annotated copy of the citation form be returned indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office

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